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***"In our training of the boy we develop the individual in both spirit and efficiency to be an effective player in his national team of citizenship. Acting on the same principle in the case of a nation we should try to develop the right spirit of efficiency for helping that nation to work effectively in the team of nations"***  
**- B-P**

**"All our boys are test tube babies and as such their parents are non-existent!"**

Committee member's conclusion after sending letter to parents requesting suggestions and support.

#### **EDITORIAL:**

It never ceases to amaze one at the stirring qualities of many of our Movements leaders, leaders who freely and voluntarily soldier on year after year serving Scouting, the community and the country by shaping the character of our youth and teaching them good citizenship. What is their value – they are indeed priceless. Men and women of great talent and ability have particularly blessed us in the Western Cape

Recently, in a period of a few weeks, the Movement was honoured by the first S.A. Scout to climb Everest and shortly thereafter we were again honoured when our Area Commissioner carried the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Olympic Torch as part of the world wide torch relay.

The great thing about our Movement is that every one of us of whatever persuasion is free to achieve whatever heights we wish to attain as long as we possess one great attribute of many of our leaders – **commitment**.

Read the interesting articles on Rovering, Girl Scouts and Aids and Drugs.

Scouters have an important role to play in all three of these subjects. It is so true that most troops do not consider that the normal progression of the 18 year old Scout is to Rovers, and yet B-P quite clearly intended for them to be organised into Rover Crews, he writes: "The object of their institution is to complete the sequence of training from boyhood to manhood...the training of the Cubs and Scouts is largely a preparation for rendering Service which is consummated in practice by the Rover...in this way the Scoutmaster, while retaining the young man under good influence at the critical time of his life, gains valuable help for himself in his work, and, he turns out further recruits for the ranks of the Scoutmasters...."

The guidelines for Girls in Scouting are **the rules**, Scouters should know them and rigidly adhere to them for if anything were to go wrong, that will be one of the first questions to be asked: "Did you stick to the Rules?" Ignore them at your peril.

Aids and Drugs are unfortunately with us – knowledge is the power we have to meet these scourges, the more that we help our Scouts know **about** them the more prepared they'll be to fight them.

At the back of the CWS one will find a 'flop-proof' recipe, not only good for camp or a fun Troop meeting but also good for fund raising by the Scouts themselves. If you find the recipes are well received, let us know by email and we'll do some more.

Unfortunately there comes a time when even the stalwarts of our Movement move on to a higher calling, notice of their passing evokes memories of times spent together on one or other Scout activity and also a little of their character that endeared them to us. The following old friends have answered the final call, go well old friends:



**Alan Gooch:** Veteran Scout and Training Team Member

**Errol Fred Verhoog:** D.C. (CW42), Hon. Commissioner

**Max Lindhorst:** Veteran Area Treasurer  
Condolences too to Winston Adams on the death of his mother (aged 98yrs)

Editor  
John Waterhouse

## Area Commissioner's Brief

I have read with interest the comments and debate on the Scout Forum - about Girls in Scouting and it would appear that there is still a lot of misunderstanding about this subject. This was raised at last year's National Scout Council and the Chief Scout, Chief Scout Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer were tasked with providing further clarification on the provisions surrounding the integration of Girls in Scouting. We publish their conclusions in this edition of CWS and I trust that you will all read this document carefully so that there is a clear understanding on the subject.

Some important workshops will take place soon. First is the Scout Programme Workshop on 31 July. This workshop is aimed at helping all Troop Scouters understand the Advancement Programme and the implementation thereof into their weekly Troop Programmes and activities. One of the reasons for arranging this workshop is that there are just too few troops where real advancement is taking place. I therefore encourage all Troop Scouters, their Assistants and ADC's Scout Programme to attend. The Strategic Plan calls for advancement to take place in every Troop and this is one way that we can ensure that all Scouters are equipped to provide the best scouting for their scouts.

The next one is the Youth Forum. In keeping with our Strategic Plan we will host our second Youth Forum on 14 August 2004. This year's forum will deal with among other things Rovering and the youth. All Troops are invited to send two scouts over the age of 16 years and all scouters who are between the ages of 18 and 24 years. Youth Forums are not decision making bodies but are designed to give the youth an opportunity to discuss scouting matters that concern them and then to make recommendations to the relevant structures where decisions can be made.

The third workshop will be the Rover Programme Workshop. A date for this workshop must still be set but the idea behind this workshop is to have a real hard look at the Rover Programme, its relevance and to see how we can make it more appealing for those scouts who turn 18 years old.

A fourth workshop, a Peer Education – "Train the Trainers Workshop" which is to be facilitated by the National Office will be held sometime later this year.

District Commissioners are asked to identify two Scouters who will be trained to become District Peer Education Trainers for their respective Districts. A suitable date is to be discussed with the National Office.

Very often we are told of foreign scouts visiting the Area and wanting to get involved with, or simply to visit some Scouting Event, Pack or Troop. What is of concern is that in most cases neither the Area nor the National Office is aware of these visits until the very last minute. We understand that there are occasions when people come to the country on business or private holidays and then simply make contact with the scouting fraternity as a matter of courtesy, and to perhaps buy some scouting items to take home with them. These types of visits cannot be classed as official and cannot be controlled and in most cases are accommodated.

When scouts come here as scouts, whether as part of another trip or on a scout trip, then International Protocol must be followed. This means that applications to visit our country must be made via their National Office to SAHQ. By the same token any South African Scout visiting another country on business or holiday is encouraged to get a letter of introduction from SAHQ in the event of them wanting to make contact with scouts in the country they are visiting. For any official scout trip abroad, the same protocol mentioned above applies.

Finally, at the end of this month we will be doing our census again. An annual exercise that should be an easy task but very year we battle to get forms returned to HQ. Last year we were not able to get all forms returned and I ask you all to make a special effort to ensure we have 100% return this year.

See you around the campfire!

**Brian February**  
Area Commissioner





## **ROVERING IN PERSPECTIVE**

JONATHAN PARENZEE, AAC ROVERS

*"By Rovering I don't mean aimless wandering. I mean finding your way by pleasant paths with a definite object in view, and having an idea of the difficulties and dangers you are likely to meet along the way." (Baden Powel – "Rovering to Success")*

The above statement is what Rovering is all about. Although BP wrote it many years ago, it is still relevant today. The aim of Scouting is to continue the development of young people to achieve their full potential as individuals. Our purpose as adult leaders then, is to provide a programme to assist these young people on their way from childhood to adulthood and not to stop along the way. Rovering fulfills this need!

From the World Scout Bureau website, the following describe what Rovering is.

- Rovering is the final phase of **Scout Training**.
- Rovering is a peer-support group for newly independent (young) adults.
- Rovering is a social group of young adults with similar wants, needs, and interests not based on social status.
- Rovering is an opportunity for a person to develop his/her own set of values.
- Rovering is a chance to experience positive feelings from helping others and to embark on an individual path of lifelong service to others, through **Scouting Leadership**.
- Rovering is a chance to choose to develop leadership skills.
- Rovering is a chance to meet and interact with young adults from other areas and other cultures based on shared interests.
- Rovering is a programme that considers the challenges faced by today's youth, and proposes appropriate solutions.

The most important objective of Rovering is to help young people find their place in society. We as leaders know (or should know) of the educational approach and the benefits of the experiences lived by young people (and young adults) in **Scouting**. And we should not forget those simple key elements if we are to attract young people, and retain them.

When scouts become Rovers, they "struggle" to find their place in **society** and **their community**. We must help them to get the right "tools" to be prepared for this task: to get into the "adult world". This means to provide programmes that create experiences to help to build their character, alertness, intellect, ... and at the same time provide opportunities to learn practical skills that they can use in their day-to-day life. And as Rovering is **"Scouting for young adults"** (and not a social or a sport or a club or even a religion) we still have to have some particular elements to keep it as an educational experience in the **"Scouting way"**.

Promise and Law, Patrol System, Outdoors, Learning by Doing and Advancement. Rovering is in the first place Service. We Rovers say "Do Your Best to Be Prepared for Service", and to say it and to do it at the same time is very hard. If we put Service first, then all the rest comes: the games, the music, and our personal tastes.

*"Rovers are the Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service. They are Hikers on the Open Road and Campers of the Woods, able to shift for themselves, but equally able and ready to be of Service to others" (Baden Powel – "Rovering to Success")*

In thinking about Rovering, we should keep the above sentence in mind. And although written long ago, we must think of it in twenty first century terms. But, actually, if we look at it closer, we will find in there the key elements of Rovering: **Brotherhood, Open Air and Service**.

At the moment our Scouting Programme does not foster a continuity of the development of young people. It stops at the scout's eighteenth birthday. Because Rovering is not readily advocated as an "alternative" for the over eighteens to choose to go to – they are simply not informed about Rovering – they are taken up into the Troop as an ATS. The thing is that these young people, not yet ready and capable to take on the responsibility of adults, are basically thrown into the deep end and are required to be guardians over their mates of just yesterday!

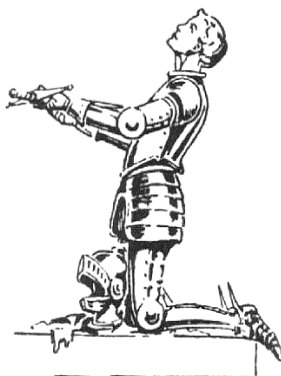
In this process we are doing them disservice to expect from them to portray the responsibility expected of an Adult Leader; having not so long ago been under the same authority they are now expected to display. Their mates may also have difficulty in seeing them as their leader. A scout is the beneficiary of the Movement, and should never be made to "pay back" to Scouting by being required to work as an "adult leader" on turning 18.

The Rover section should also start getting their act together to provide the "place" for these young people to go to.

Our Rover programme should now more than ever provide the necessary programmes to emphasise the purpose of this section of the Movement. For far too long Rovering has sat back and expected young people to join their ranks. The thing is, Rovering is not visible and not attractive enough for young people to "want to join".

If we consider that the "aim of Scouting is to continue the development of young people to achieve their full potential as individuals" and not doing that, then we are acting very hypocritical and fail in our duty to the young people that we as Adult Leaders serve. It is frightening to think that it is happening; that we are not preparing the young people "in our care" for adulthood.

We need to re-commit ourselves and re-consider our dedication to Scouting as BP intended: **to continue the development of young people to achieve their full potential as individuals** - from Cubs to Scouts to Rovers.



## **“Pass The Flame, Unite The World”**

On 12 June 2004 Cape Town played host to the Olympic Flame as it made its way around the world on a historical journey. This was the first time that the Olympic Flame would travel around the world, visiting 22 cities that hosted previous Olympic Games, travel to 27 countries and would visit Africa and South America for the first time.

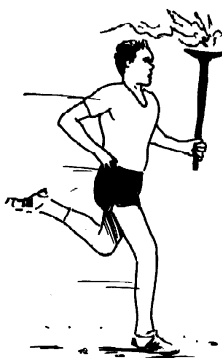
Area Commissioner Brian February was honoured by being nominated as a Torch Bearer for his work in the Scout Movement for the past 40 years. Cape Western Scouter caught up with him soon after the event to speak to him about his experience and feelings.

“I was taken by surprise when informed that I had been nominated and was selected to be one of 120 Torch Bearers to participate in this historic event and I would like to thank Naomi Spies of 1<sup>st</sup> Strandfontein for nominating me.” Brian said.

On the eve of the Torch Relay, all the Torch Bearers attended a reception at the City Hall. There they were registered, briefed and presented with their tracksuits and introduced to some very important guests.

“It was during that evening that I realised how big this event was when I rubbed shoulders with people like, Baby Jake – former four times World Boxing Champion, George Bizos – the Human Rights Lawyer and who defended Nelson Mandela in the Rivonia Trial, Chester Williams Springbok rugby player, Penny Heyns – Olympic Champion, Lucas Radebe – former captain of Leeds United and Bafana Bafana to name but a few”. Brian continued.

“As D-Day dawned I was up bright and early, proudly dressed in my tracksuit sporting the Athens 2004 logo. The day was filled with all sorts of emotions and nerves as I met some of my fellow Torch Bearers at the Philippi Indoor Centre. From there we were bussed along our route through Guguletu, Nyanga, the outskirts of Heideveld, Vanguard Estate ( where I grew up), Rylands, Silvertown, Belgravia Estate, Sunnyside and Athlone. As I sat on the bus waiting for No 45 to come up – my designated number for the Relay, I thought how appropriate it was for me to be assigned to that route and to carry the Torch down Belgravia Road. That was the area where I spent the first 30 years of my scouting as a Cub, Scout, Troop Scouter and District Commissioner. In addition it was down Belgravia Road, the very Road I was to carry the Olympic Torch, which I walked many a day while still at school to go to City Park stadium and Hewat Training College to participate in the Inter-schools Athletics and to train



for the Western Province Athletic Team. Not for once thinking that I would have this honour one day”.

“The people of Cape Town came out in their thousands to witness this historic event and as I stepped off the bus on the corner on Belgravia and St Simons Roads I was met by family, friends and some scouts (thanks to Gavin Withers and Chris Hendricks for organising this). As I was ushered into a quick photo shoot with the scouts, other people many

of whom I did not even know jostled to get a quick photograph with them touching the Olympic Torch. I was quickly moved away by one of the Torch Relay Officials who nicely welcomed me to the Torch Relay and turned on the fuel in my torch as Torch Bearer No 44 approached me. I lit my Torch from Thomson Mangaliso – a weightlifter from Mannenberg and started my historical journey remembering the words from the Athens Olympic Official the night before, *“that while you are carrying the Flame you are the only person in the world at that time, holding the Olympic Flame and the eyes of the whole world will be on you”*. **“What an honour it was”**.

“Filled with adrenaline, I cannot remember too much of that four hundred meters except that there were hundreds of people along the route cheering me on and the media truck riding just in front of me with TV cameras rolling all the time. Among the people on the side of the road, I recognised some familiar faces of family, friends and some old scout buddies. In a flash I had reached the end of my sector and Baby Jake Matlala the former World Boxing Champion was waiting to light his torch from mine. The Flame continued its journey through the streets of Cape Town and finally ending up with the lighting of the cauldron on the Grand Parade that evening”.

“That day will remain with me for a very long time. It was truly a great occasion and something that I am honoured to have been part of. Having been nominated for my work in the Scout Movement I am proud to have carried the Torch on behalf of all members of the Scout Movement”.

“The theme of the Torch Relay was **“Pass the Flame, Unite the World”** and we in the Scout Movement aim to do just that – uniting the world through our programmes”.

“12 June 2004 will remain with me for a long time and carrying the Olympic torch was truly a proud moment and I will always treasure the Olympic Torch which will proudly be displayed in my home”. Brian concluded.

## Aids and Scouting

There are different challenges facing our young generation, which did not face parents or grandparents and that is **HIV and AIDS**.

The following article is taken from a booklet prepared by young adults, people with HIV and AIDS.

### Do you know what HIV and AIDS is?

A healthy person's body has a natural system (immune system) that defends the body every moment of every day from thousands of disease germs, infections and viruses that, if not stopped by this immune system, can be potentially very harmful to you.

The White Blood Cells (WBCs) in your body make up this natural immune or defence system and fights off disease germs; it is like an army defending a country (your body) against invasion.

**HIV is a fierce germ that attacks this immune system** and over time eventually begins to weaken and destroy it. A person when infected by HIV is described as being **HIV positive**. At this stage they may look and feel healthy.

When WBCs destroyed by the HIV virus cannot be replaced fast enough, the body can now be attacked by other potentially harmful germs, infections and viruses (e.g. TB, pneumonia etc.)

When these infections take hold, the person is now described as having AIDS or having an AIDS related condition or infection

### These are the facts about HIV and AIDS

- HIV (**Human Immunodeficiency Virus**) is the virus that causes aids
- It is an **incurable virus** even if the person takes special drugs
- It is passed on from one person to another, mainly through sex without a condom or,
- An infected mother to her unborn baby or,
- To her infant child through breastfeeding.
- A person can also get HIV if they have an open sore or wound and it comes into contact with HIV infected blood.
- Sharing needles during drug use can also cause the virus to pass from one person to another.
- **AIDS** (Acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome) **is the direct result of HIV**, and happens when a person becomes so ill that the body can no longer fight off other infections.

**AIDS HELPLINE: 0800 0 123 22**  
**CHILDLINE: 0800 0 555 55**

Scouts should be aware of the dangers of HIV and AIDS especially in cases where they may be called on to administer First Aid or CPR at accidents. Being prepared means having latex gloves and a "CPR Aid" which covers the mouth of the casualty, Mouth to Nose resuscitation, where possible, is also a recommendation, failing these, there are still the good old standbys: The Holger Neilsen or Silvesters Methods. – Ed.

## TROOP MEETING

### IDEAS:

Make copies of this page and have an inter- patrol quiz on the contents after 15 mins. of patrol study and discussion.

*Show how to use the CPR Aid*

*Show how to do the Silvesters and Holger Neilson methods of resuscitation*

*Practice on a dummy, Mouth to Nose resuscitation*



### DANGER - D R U G S!!

The use of drugs by children is widespread – not just dagga, alcohol, inhalants, stimulants, over the counter drugs but also hard drugs such as heroin, cocaine and ecstasy ("E") and now Tik.

Young people are offered drugs at an alarmingly early age, parents, Scouts and Scouters should know about drugs and be aware of the early signs of drug use, such as:

Problems with schoolwork

- Bunking school
- Short attention span, bloodshot eyes and memory lapses
- Carelessness about appearance
- Withdrawal from parents; breaking away from old friends and having a new set of friends
- Loss of interest in hobbies and favourite activities
- Listlessness and/or violent behaviour

Emergency phone numbers are the Boys Town Hotline at 082 12 69 786 or Childline 0800 0 555 55

### Troop Meeting Ideas

Get an expert to give talk on drugs. How they are administered and show samples

*Try a Kim Game with photos of samples of these drugs*

*Find out physical/body signs of drug use and long term effect.*

*Find out and describe action to be taken for a casualty who has over- dosed.*

Scouts to record emergency phone numbers in their notebooks.

**SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

**Girls in Scouting**

The National Scout Council resolved on 18 May 2003 that the Chief Scout, Chief Scout's Commissioner and Chief Executive provide further clarification on the provisions surrounding the integration of girls in scouting. This document incorporates their conclusions.

The methodology of arriving at these conclusions is marked by:

1. Revisiting the documented rationale behind opening membership to girls.
2. Revisiting the motions tabled at the National Scout Councils, their permutations and adoptions.
3. Revisiting the rationale behind matters that require further clarification.

These clarifications will include interpretations which should be addressed in the submission of further motions to the National Scout Council in this regard. Until such time as these provisions are adopted the interpretations included herein are regarded as final as endorsed by the National Executive Committee.

Motion 1/99 adopted by the NSC in March 1999 included all the required amendments to the Constitution to allow for girl membership in the Scout Association.

Motion 2/99 adopted in March 1999 included the necessary amendments to the provisions in the PO&R.

Motion 9/99 adopted in November 1999 included amendments to those provisions in the PO&R that had been overlooked in March that year.

Motion 6/2002 adopted in May 2002 included amendments to the PO&R allowing the integration of girls and boys in Packs and Troops as opposed to parallel units which remain an option but are not compulsory.



Guidelines and Interpretation of provisions regarding the integration of Girls in Scouting.

**1. Membership**

The Constitution of the Association states that:

- a) Art II.1 "The Association is...(a) movement for boys and girls and adults open to all"
- b) Art II.2 "The aim of the Association is to contribute to the development of boys, girls and young adults"
- c) Art III.1.b. "Membership of the Association is open to all boys and girls and adults"

From the above it is clear that girls have the right to membership in the Association and access to its youth programmes.

**2. The Group**

"A Group may have a boy Cub Pack, or a girl Cub Pack both a boy and a girl Cub Pack or a mixed gender Cub Pack.

Similarly, a Group may have a boy Scout Troop, a girl Scout Troop, both a boy and a girl Scout Troop or a mixed gender Scout Troop." (PO&R 601.2)

From the above, it is clear that a Scout Group can incorporate girls into Scouting in two ways. Either as girl only Pack or Troop or as a mixed gender Pack or Troop.

PO&R does not indicate who makes the decision to incorporate girls at Group level. The motions to the National Scout Council however, specifically mentions that the community and the Group should be represented in the decision making process. It is deemed that the Group Committee reflects the adults in that community and that the Court of Honour represents the youth in that community. The Group Scouter who sits on the Group Committee represents the Scouters of that Group.



Accordingly it follows that a joint forum of the Group Committee and Court of Honour (PLs and APLs if less than 3 patrols in the Group) should be allowed to present arguments for and against the options above and that by vote can resolve to support the integration of girls into the Group.

The provision of separate facilities (ablutions) is not listed in either PO&R or the motions to the NSC as a requirement and is not deemed a legitimate reason to exclude girl members.

### 3. Scouters

- a) Group Scouter: (PO&R 301.7) Warrants / permits are issued to a Group Scouter by the Area Commissioner irrespective of gender.
- b) Pack Scouter / Assistant Pack Scouters: (PO&R 301.7, 625.2.3, 630) Warrants / permits are issued on the recommendation of the Group Committee with the approval of the Group Scouter by the Area Commissioner irrespective of gender.
- c) Troop Scouters / Assistant Troop Scouters: (PO&R 301.7, 625.2.3, 640.1) Warrants / permits are issued on the recommendation of the Group Committee with the approval of the Group Scouter, LA and DC by the Area Commissioner irrespective of gender in the case of mixed gender troops.  
In the case of girl only troops the Troop Scouter must be female (PO&R 640.3)  
In the case of boy only troops a "woman is not generally eligible, except in circumstances where it has been the established custom to make such appointments" (PO&R 640.3)
- d) Rover Scout Leader: (PO&R 653.3) Warrants for the position of Rover Scout Leaders are awarded irrespective of gender.

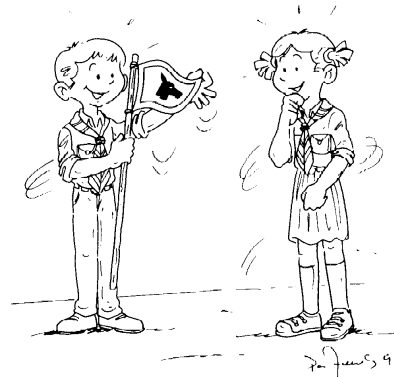
### 4. Mixed Boy and Girl Activities (not overnight)

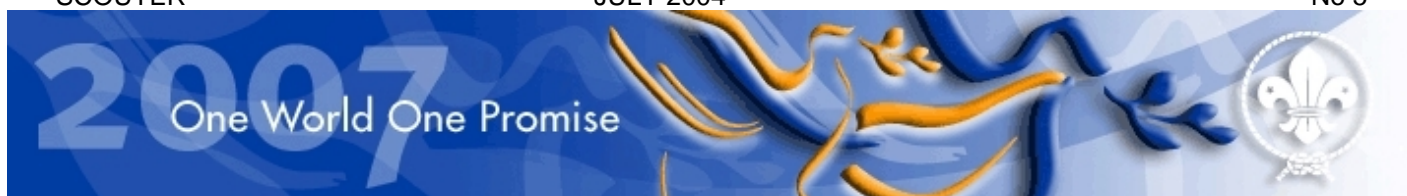
(PO&R 901) "At any activities held jointly by girl and boy Packs or girl and boy Troops, one of the Scouters in charge must be a woman." and follows from (3) above that one of the Scouters would be a woman. This is not

applicable to mixed gender Packs or Troops where only one Scouter (male or female) is required.

### 5. Mixed Girl and Boy overnight Activities

- a) In the event of overnight activities (camps, hikes, courses, etc.) where a girl Troop and a boy Troop "camp or hike together, a male Scouter of the boy Troop and female Scouter of the girl Troop must (be present) for it's duration." (PO&R 907.5.1) It is interpreted that if the boy Troop has a female Scouter (3.a above) then both female Scouters should be present. While no provision has been made in PO&R, it is strongly recommended that on a mixed overnight activity a female adult must be present whether she is a Scouter, helper or parent.
- b) Unless male and female adults present are lawfully married, they may not share the same sleeping arrangements. (PO&R 907.5.2)
- c) "Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts shall have separate sleeping arrangements and ablution facilities. Boys and girls shall not sleep in the same tent (room) (PO&R 907.5.3)





## GIFTS FOR PEACE



Gifts for Peace is the name assigned to the centennial project.

Each National Scout Association will propose and lead a national project involving scouts from all age groups for at least one year. This project should be a worthwhile project, which responds to the needs of young people in your particular country.

At the 12<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference to be held later this year in Mauritius, presentations and detailed guidance materials will be provided to participants.

In 2005, at the 37<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in Tunisia, all National Scout Associations will be expected to declare their Gifts for Peace. Between 2005 and 2007 the associations will embark on work on the Gifts for Peace in their countries.

In 2007 each association will present a Gift for Peace and these gifts should be the result of work accomplished by young people since 2005.

### What is a Gift for Peace?



Gifts for Peace may take many forms and may build on previous work or start something new. They should respond to the needs that are important to

young people, and while scale is not important, they should address issues that affect young people directly rather than indirectly. These are scout projects and should therefore be approached using the scout method.

National Scout Associations may wish to work together and combine their resources. The projects will no doubt vary immensely: what is important is that they involve scouts and that they involve young people in the decision making process and practical activities to promote peace.

An example of a project which has already been undertaken in Africa and which could be considered as a Gift for Peace is in the Great Lakes Region where local scouts have been

actively helping refugees, re-educating child soldiers, collecting and burying bodies, providing shelter and training for orphans living on the streets.

Gifts for Peace could also be projects to encourage sustainable development, the implementation of Human Rights, education, health and the environment.

If you have any suggestions in this regard send them to the Convener 2007 Centenary Events c/o Area HQ.

## 2007 WORLD JAMBOREE



As part of the centenary celebrations, 40000 Scouts from all over the world will take part in the 21st World Scout Jamboree to be held in Essex in the United Kingdom, from 27th July to

8th August 2007. The theme will be "One World, One Promise", capturing the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future.

The South African Scout Association hopes to be well represented at the Jamboree. A World Scout Jamboree is a once in a lifetime experience for a Scout, and this one will be particularly special, celebrating 100 years of Scouting. The World Scout Jamboree 2007 will take place on 400 hectares of rolling English countryside, at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex, England. The site is a mixture of parkland, woodland, and farmland, and is 50 kilometres north-east of London.

The South African contingent is considering a pre-Jamboree tour in the United Kingdom, or perhaps in The Netherlands or other European countries. The cost of the Jamboree and tour is likely to be high, so various alternatives are being considered to make it accessible to as many as possible. Scouts interested in participating should start saving or raising funds now.





## A Letter to Cub Parents from B-P

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION  
25 BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD  
LONDON S.W.1

Dear Parent,

Your son has today joined the Wolf Cubs, the junior branch of the Boy Scouts, and as I thus become to some degree your assistant in his education, I write to assure you that a close personal interest will be taken in his doings and progress.

As you know, our aim is to help the Parents by providing for their boys a jolly circle of comrades and to give them healthy activities; for mind and body so that through their games, they may fit themselves to become successful men and good citizens.

We don't propose to take your place in your boy's affection, but merely to help you in his training, so we hope that you on your part will help us: 1) by coming occasionally to look at the Pack at its work ; 2) by doing all you can to encourage your boy to attend the Pack Meetings and to work for his stars; 3) by interesting your friends in the Wolf Cubs and bringing some of them to our Entertainments.

No two boys are alike, but we try to bring out the best in the character of each particular lad. No two Parents have exactly the same idea for their boys. For this reason we should be glad if you could see where you think the training does, does not, suit your boy and advise as to what you would like done specially in his case.

We hope that you will find the training makes him strong in body, useful and obedient at home, successful at hobbies and generally cheery, willing and energetic. If you find that it has these good results, I hope that you will encourage him to go on and join the Boy Scouts when he is old enough.

We have no axe of our own to grind, and we don't favour one religion over another; nor do we regard politics or class.

We are simply out to help the boys to become happy, healthy, prosperous citizens. And we want the trust and friendship of their parents in doing so

Yours truly  
*Robert Baden Powell*

### CONFESSIONS OF A SCOUTER

I can teach you things  
But I cannot make you learn  
I can allow you freedom,  
But I cannot be responsible for it  
I can offer you advice,  
But I cannot decide for you.  
I can teach you to share,  
But I cannot make you unselfish  
I can advise you about the facts of life  
But I cannot build your reputation  
I can tell you about drink and drugs  
But I cannot say "No" for you.  
I can teach you about kindness,  
But I cannot make you gracious.  
I can model values for you  
But I cannot make you moral  
I can teach you respect,  
But I cannot make you honourable  
You have been given life but only you can live it.

Ack. to Boys Town newsletter 'Parenting' from which this was adapted and originally titled – Letter to my child.

#### REEF KNOT



#### SHEETBEND



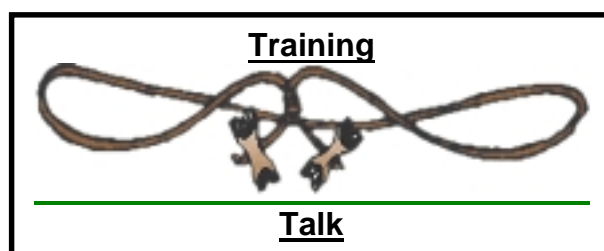
### New Kind of Knotting Board

From Veld Lore 109 (1986) comes a different concept of knotting boards which Scouts (and Cubs) can make themselves.

The idea is to produce several same-size boards from wood or hardboard or even thick cardboard, for wall mounting – one board for each knot. Use two different coloured ropes, and leave enough rope hanging down for a boy to try his hand at the knot. A card at the centre of each board explains the knots uses.

When fixed in a line at eye level 50cm apart, the boards become handy for speed-tying contests. Affix another card in a corner of the board showing the current best time and naming the Scout and his Patrol holding the record for that specific knot.

**Ack: Veldlore**



### Focus: What is Wood Badge?

The previous Training Talk focused on the Wood Badge training and this issue will focus on " *What is Wood Badge?*"

Baden Powell developed a practical training course for all adult leaders and was built around the operation of a troop and its patrols. He directed the first training course in 1919 and gave each of the participants one of the beads, which he had captured, from Chief Dinizulu in KwaZulu-Natal. Thus did the course name develop, for its symbol was literally a badge of wood. BP designed the course so that Scouters could learn, in as practical way as possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The course participants are formed into patrols and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors, camping, cooking their own meals, and practical Scout skills. That has not changed and

all adult leaders who have done the Wood Badge have gone through the same experience.

The uniqueness of Scouting is the patrol method. The use of the natural gang of six or eight boys or girls who elect their own leader and plan and carry out many of their activities is a democracy in microcosm. They are given leadership and learning opportunities, which prepare them for their future roles as citizens. It is for this reason that it is so crucial that all adult leaders understand thoroughly the patrol method.

Scouters who have gone through Wood Badge training proudly wear the Gilwell neckerchief, woggle, and beads of Wood Badge trained leaders. For the next Wood Badge course, which is running in August and September, speak to the Course Director: Paddy Milner.

The following Adult Leader Courses are scheduled for August, September and October

Download the application form from the Cape Western website or get a copy from Area HQ.

COURSE NAME	VENUE	FEE	DATES	CONTACT
Wood Badge: Cub, Scout, Rovers, GS/Comm.	Gilray & Hawequas	R250 – Scout R200 - Others	14-15 August for joint sessions	Paddy - 7158177
Gilwell Reunion	Gilray	R 20.00	4 September	Paddy - 7158177
Adult Mountain Leadership Course	Various	tba	31/9; 2,14,30- 31/10	Nigel – 713 1535

## NOTICE BOARD

### **SCOUT PROGRAMME WORKSHOP**

Date: 31 July 2004  
Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Pinelands Scout Hall  
Time: From 14h00 till 18h00

All Troop Scouters, Assistants and ADC's Scout Programme to attend.

A complimentary Scouter's Resource CD will be given to all Troops attending.

*Facilitator: Nimmy Abrahams 0829298496*

### **AREA YOUTH FORUM**

The annual Youth Forum will place on 14 August 2004.

Each Troop to send two scouts over the age of 16 and all Scouters between the ages of 18 to 24 years old.

Time: From 13h00 till 17h00

Venue: To be announced.

Main Topic: Rovering and the Youth

Facilitator: Andre Montabaun  
0832477823

RSVP: The Area office by 31 July 2004

### ***Merit and Service Awards***

Please remember the closing date for these awards is 31 July 2004.

Application forms are available from HQ and must be returned by the above date .

## **16th SENIOR SCOUT ADVENTURE CEDERBERG 10 TO 21 DECEMBER 2004**

**Closing date for participants to "Save - a- Place" and to make an initial deposit of R500, is 31 July 2004**

***Get your application in now to avoid disappointment***

***An eleven-day High Adventure for only R1 300***

***A number of staff positions are still available, join up!***

**Contact us at [adventure@scouting.org.za](mailto:adventure@scouting.org.za)**

**Phone us on (021) 6743374**

**Visit our website [www.scouting.org.za/adventure/](http://www.scouting.org.za/adventure/)**

## PATROLS THAT WORK

James Frazer writing in the June 1992 CWS gives the following good advice:

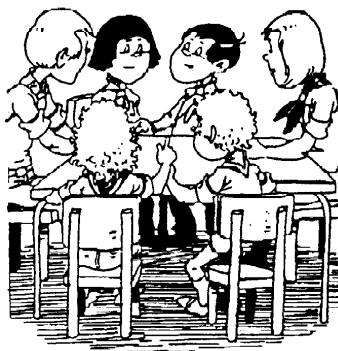
"I have paid careful attention to what makes the successful Troops tick, and the Patrol System always comes to the fore

After trying out a number of leadership/management training methods, I would like to share two currently being used.

Court of Honour Planning Weekend:  
Purpose

- Plan year programme
- Build and organise COH Spirit

- two-day seminar away from home in an environment, which is holiday, orientated with conference facilities – desks and chairs.



### Programme:

Have say five sessions with plenty of time for breaks to swim, play games etc.

Sessions include: You (the P/L) what do you want from Scouts and your own progress. Your patrol goals and badge progress. The COH, the Troop Programme and the strategic plan for the next 3-5 years.

### For the New Patrol Leader:

Have a diary –if a Scout makes an appointment, your diary reminds you. Have a file where you keep all your Scout information. Get to know your Patrol members – speak to each one separately, find out what motivates them and how to connect with them and what's important to the Patrol.

Get a Mentor: This is a person with whom you share your ideas and ask to critique them, to bounce ideas off. Ideally he should have Scouting knowledge to help train you in skills but also could be a parent.

Arrange at the start of the year to meet every two months and decide where, when and on what date at the outset.

Don't try too much, rather do less well than more with resultant chaos.

## ROVER MOOT 2004



### CALLING ALL ROVERS

Your are invited to attend the Rover Moot 2004. The Moot is an opportunity to meet with Rovers from all over the country, share some time together and promote the brotherhood of Rovering in South Africa.

The weekend will begin with some official business in the form of a business meeting where all invested Rovers may "have their say". The rest of the weekend is spent sightseeing and in activities specially planned for the event.

**Date:** 24-26 September 2004

**Time:** 08h00 on 24 September to 11h00 on 26 September 2004.

**Place:** Magaliesberg

**Cost:** Preliminary costs R650.00 per delegate.

**Who:** All invested Rovers and invested Squires over 18 years of age.

**Closing Date:** 30 July 2004

**Final payment:** All monies must be paid by 16 August 2004.

### What will you receive for your fees:

- Full board and lodge from lunch on 24 September to breakfast on 26 Septemeber 2004
- Transport cost from Gilwell Florida. Vehicles can be left at Gilwell.
- Activities on the weekend
- T-shirt
- Scarf
- Event Badge

### For more information contact:

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**Peter:** [PeterCon@nedcor.com](mailto:PeterCon@nedcor.com)